

Health Information Technology Exchange Board of Directors

Committee Description and Membership

Advisory Committee on Patient Privacy and Security

The Advisory Committee is tasked by its enabling legislation to “monitor developments in federal law concerning patient privacy and security relating to health information technology,” and to “report to the Board on national and regional trends and federal policies and guidance set forth in this area.”

P.A. 11-242, §74 amended Connecticut General Statutes §19-750 and established the Advisory Committee on Patient Privacy and Security states the following:

The [Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut] board shall establish an advisory committee on patient privacy and security. All members of such advisory committee shall be appointed by the chairperson of the board, provided any such appointed member shall have expertise in the field of privacy, health data security or patient rights. Appointed members of the advisory committee shall include, but not be limited to: A representative from a nonprofit research and educational organization dedicated to improving access to health care; A representative from a patient advocacy group; An ethicist; An attorney with expertise in health information technology and the protections set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191 (HIPAA); The chief information officer of a hospital; An insurer or representative of a health plan; and, A primary care physician, engaged in active practice, who utilizes electronic health records.

The advisory committee shall monitor developments in federal law concerning patient privacy and security relating to health information technology and shall report to the board on national and regional trends and federal policies and guidance set forth in this area. The board shall include information supplied by the advisory committee in the report submitted by the board pursuant to subsection (i) of this section. The chairperson of the advisory committee shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor from among the membership.

Advisory Committee Members

TBD	– Chair, Attorney with expertise in health information technology and HIPAA protections
Michelle Wilcox DeBarge	– Attorney with expertise in health information technology and HIPAA protections
Ellen Andrews*	– Nonprofit Research and Educational Organization dedicated to improving access to health care and a patient advocacy group
Victoria Veltri*	– Nonprofit Research and Educational Organization dedicated to improving access to health care and a patient advocacy group
Audrey Chapman	– Ethicist
Robert McLean	– A primary care physician in active practice who uses electronic health records
Ludwig Johnson	– Chief Information Officer of a hospital
Steven C. Casey*	– HITE-CT Privacy Officer/Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology
To Be Determined	– Insurer or Representative of a health plan

* Member of the HITE-CT Board of Directors

† State Agency staff member for the Committee